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SUBJECT: CAIRO VISIT OF CRS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MONSIGNOR LANDI

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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, WE HAD INVITED SENIOR CRS/NY OFFICIAL TO COME TO EGYPT TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FFW PROGRAMS AND DIFFERING VIEWS OF CRS/EGYPT ON ONE HAND AND EMBASSY/AID ON THE OTHER. IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST, MONSIGNOR LANDI VISITED EGYPT AUGUST 26-28.

2. IN SERIES OF AMICABLE, OBJECTIVE MEETINGS, FULL RANGE OF VIEWS WERE DISCUSSED. WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE MONSIGNOR LANDI WITH FULL EXPLANATION OF OUR RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE FFW PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY CRS/EGYPT. WE ALSO ASSURED HIM OF OUR CONTINUING, POSITIVE DESIRE TO SEE EFFECTIVE TITLE II PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT IN EGYPT.

3. IN THE MEETINGS, MONSIGNOR LANDI QUESTIONED THE CRS/EGYPT DIRECTOR, ANDREW KOVAL, ON EACH OF THE ISSUES WHICH WE RAISED REGARDING THE FFW PROPOSALS. WHILE KOVAL CONTINUED TO DEFEND THE PROPOSED PROJECTS, HE DID SO IN A SUBDUED, LOW-KEYED MANNER. MONSIGNOR LANDI REMAINED LARGELY NONCOMMITTAL REGARDING HIS PERSONAL VIEWS OF THE PROPOSALS.

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4. IN THE FINAL MEETING, MONSIGNOR LANDI ASKED THE AMBASSADOR IF

THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO CRS DISCUSSING THE PROPOSALS FURTHER WITH WASHINGTON, ADDING THAT THE QUESTION DID NOT IMPLY THAT CRS WOULD DO SO. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS, BUT THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR BASIC POSITION.

5. WE WERE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE GOE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAD RENEWED THEIR REQUEST FOR A CRS SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM, ASSURING CRS THAT BUDGETED FUNDS WERE NOW AVAILABLE TO THE MINISTRY TO SUPPORT BOTH THE WFP AND CRS PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD. MONSIGNOR LANDI ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD ENTERTAIN A PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A PROGRAM AND WE SAID THAT WE WOULD ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT ASSURE HIM THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ENDORSE SUCH A PROGRAM. WE ARE NOW REVIEWING THE PROPOSAL WITH CRS AND WILL REPORT SHORTLY.

6. WE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MONSIGNOR LANDI OUR CONCERN OVER THE NATURE OF THE LETTER WHICH KOVAL HAD WRITTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR. KOVAL STATED THAT NO PERSONAL ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN INTENDED, APOLOGIZED FOR ANY SUCH INFERENCES, AND OFFERED TO WITHDRAW THE LETTER. ALL AGREED TO START AFRESH AND GET ON WITH THE TASK OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE, EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS.

7. IN SUMMARY, WE BELIEVE VISIT WAS WORTHWHILE UNDERTAKING WHICH ACCOMPLISHED THE AIMS WE WERE SEEKING.  
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